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USE OF INSURANCE OFFICE AS LEGALISATIONAL BASE: STRAKHOVShchIK, HALFORD

(1945)

From:

MOSCOW

To:

LONDON

No.:

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11 October 1945

To BRION[i].

In reply to No. 1253[ii].

Report what orders have been given to STRAKhOVShchIK[iii] as regards [D% the transfer] of an insurance agent to a reliable insurance office with the aim of using it as a legalisational [LEGALIZATSIONNAYA] base. Point out to HALFORD[iv] that he must be guided in this matter by our [7 groups unrecovered]

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[D% DIRECTOR]

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Footnotes: [i] BRION:

Major General Ivan Andreevich SMLYaROV, Soviet Military and Air Attaché, in the UK 8 October 1940 - 19 March 1946.

[ii] Not available.

[iii] > STRAKnOVShchIK: ie "INSURER"; unidentified, possibly a

covername. First occurrence.

[iv] A HALFORD:

Unidentified.

[v] Date of message garbled.